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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF PALMYRA.

**For the Year 1881.**



NEWPORT;  
JUDKINS & MORRILL, Printers,  
1881.

## Department of Overseers of the Poor.

### T O W N F A R M.

Invoice of property on the farm Feb 20th. 1882.

One pair of oxen .....	\$125.00
One " three-year old steers .....	70.00
Three cows .....	90.00
One three-year-old heifer .....	25.00
Thirty-one sheep .....	170.00
Two swine .....	20.00
Twenty-nine hens .....	14.50
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	\$514.50

### PRODUCTS OF FARM, AND PROVISIONS.

Twenty tons of hay, at \$12.00 per ton, .....	\$240.00
3-4 tons of straw .....	5.00
21 bush. corn, 18.48 1 3-4 bush. meal, 1.45 .....	19.93
7 bush. beans, 17.20 23 1-2 bush. barley, 18.80 ..	36.00
40 bush. potatoes, 32.00 50 lbs. beef, 3.50 .....	35.50
1 3-4 bbls. clear pork, .....	34.68
2-3 bbls. hams and chops, .....	13.32
6 galls. cider apple sauce, 2.50 ; pickles, .67 .....	3.17
12 lbs. cheese, 1.68 ; 2 lbs. butter, .50 .....	2.18
18 1-2 bush. vegetables. 5.00; 5 bush. apples, 1.25	6.25

75 galls. vinegar, 11.25; 550 galls. cider, 44.00	\$55.25
1 3-4 bbls. soap, 7.00; 1 lb. candles, .12	7.12
1 1-4 bush. peas, 1.25; 52 lbs. D. apples, 3.38	4.63
5 meat & soap bbls. 3.75; 12 cider bbls. 14.00	17.75
30 lbs. lard, 4.50; 1 1-4 bbls. flour, 10.94	15.44
138 lbs. shorts, 185; 2 galls. molasses, 1.10	2.95
10 lbs. grass seed,	1.00
500 ft. bass boards, 5.00; 1 M, shingles, 1.00	6.00
Groceries, spices and matches,	2.00
	<hr/> \$508.17
	<hr/> \$1022.67
Farming tools and household furniture	399.25
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Whole amount of property on farm Feb. 20, 1882	\$1421.92
Whole amount of property on farm Feb. 21, 1881	1375.64
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Increase of property	\$46.28

#### STOCK AND PRODUCE SOLD.

One pair of oxen	150.00
1 cow, 20.00; 1 steer, 28.00	48.00
37 lambs, 111.00; 5 old sheep, 10.00	121.00
2 yearling heifers, 15.; 1-2 of 2 year old heifer 9.	24.00
171 lbs. wool, 49.77; 31 lbs. cowhide, 1.78	49.66
175 3-4 doz. eggs, 29.62; 49 1-2 lbs fowls, 3.96	33.58
312 lbs. butter, 66.64; 47 lbs. D. apples, 3.05	69.69
30 galls. cider, 2.50; 3 galls. vinegar, .60	3.10
90 1-4 lbs. pork, 9.93; 69 1-2 lbs. ham, 6.95	16.88
Tobacco and dinner sold,	30
21 1-3 bush. beans, 56.30; 3-4 bush. peas, .75	57.05
11 lbs. lard,	1.28
Rec'd of Hilton for wintering horse	15.00
	<hr/> \$595.04

#### BILLS OF PURCHASE FOR FARM.

One pair three-year-old steers	\$110.00
1 two-year-old steer	25.00

Amount paid for repairing house .....	\$14.17	
Amount of all other purchases for farm .....	269.15	
Salary of Overseer, .....	280.00	
	<u>\$698.32</u>	
Deduct stock and products sold .....	595.04	
	<u>\$103.28</u>	
Deduct increase of property .....	46.28	
Balance against Farm, Feb. 20, 1882, .....		\$57.00

### NUMBER OF PAUPERS ON THE FARM.

Names: Samuel McClure. Lucinda McClure. Isaac Sally.  
George D. Davis. Loanna Prescott.

### PAUPER BILLS OUTSIDE OF FARM.

Paid on acc't of L. F. Nason .....	\$78.22	
" Charles M. Maxim .....	28.50	
" Loanna Prescott .....	2.50	
" Bowman Eldridge .....	16.00	
" Wm. B. Morrison .....	13.96	
" Emma A. Osborne .....	24.00	
" Mrs. Charles Brown .....	11.92	
" Joanna Drinkwater .....	68.90	
Due Thomas Sherwood, on acc't of Lizzie Sherwood .....	25.00	
	<u>\$269.00</u>	
Rec'd from sale of Joanna Drinkwater's personal estate .....	68.90	
Whole cost of paupers outside of farm .....	200.10	

### PAID FOR PAUPERS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Paid on acc't of Mary J. Reynolds .....	\$9.64	
" Martha Nichols .....	10.00	
" Israel Tuttle .....	28.08	
" John W. Carr .....	25.69	
" N. M. Raymond .....	9.10	
	<u>\$82.51</u>	

## SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT.

### ASSESSMENTS.

Valuation of property 1881.

Amount of real estate .....	\$267.120.00
Amount of personal estate .....	65.899.00
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	\$333.019.00

### AMOUNT OF MONEY ASSESSED.

Amount raised for schools .....	\$1057.60
Amount raised for town charges .....	900.00
Amount raised to pay bridge debt .....	350.00
Amount raised to expend on roads .....	200.00
Amount raised for burying ground fences .....	150.00
Amount of State tax .....	1612.04
Amount of County tax .....	383.14
Amount overlayings .....	183.76
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Whole amount assessed .....	\$4836.54
No. of polls, 287.	
Amount assessed on polls .....	574.00
Rate per cent., 12 8-10 mills	
Delinquent highway tax of 1880 .....	7.70
Supplemental tax .....	5.74

### ABATEMENTS.

Paid P. K. Taylor .....	6.40
John Robinson, by vote of town .....	8.96
Lamont E. Robinson, " .....	3.84
F. P. Kenniston, " .....	5.12
To J. P. Longley, on his bills of '77, '78, '79, '80, ...	45.88
To A. Morrill, bills of 1881, .....	69
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	\$70.89

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid H. G. Jonhonnott,	\$28.45
L. S. Smith,	6.03
C. & L. B. Hanson,	12.00
H. B. Allen,	16.17
For repairs on upper Sebesticook bridge,	39.53
Phillip Hubbard,	5.00
For plank for Hanson bridge,	7.00
G. W. Myrick,	2.00
Horatio Morrill,	8.00
M. Dyer,	15.00
W. W. Davis,	10.00
Henry Morton,	5.25
Moses C. Badger,	5.00
Willis J. Robinson,	13.00
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	\$173.43

## TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

Paid A. S. Clement, Selectman &c,	\$56.25
H. C. Webber,	28.00
W. D. Mitchell	29.50
A. S. Clement, Town agent,	6.00
Samuel Clement, Treasurer,	15.00
Gilman M. Burleigh, clerk,	10.00
Due R. J. Goodrich, Supervisor,	53.84
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	\$198.59

## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS,

Paid J. P. Longley, for warning March meeting 1881,	\$1.00
J. P. Longley, for collecting tax of 1880,	44.05
S. G. Robinson, printing reports of 1881,	19.50
C. W. Homstead, for cleaning Town house,	90
J. R. Stacy, for bal. of services on farm,	78.75
L. Wyman, Supervisor bill of 1880,	44.63
John R. Stacy, for supplies for farm	7.09
For school books,	21.72
C. F. Baker, for burying ground fence,	62.54

Paid Ransom Davis, grading Spring Hill burying ground, ..	\$8.00
Nathan Cole, for fencing Spring Hill burying ground, 12.18	
L. N. Crocker, for guide boards .....	2.50
Expense in J. R. Elkins, glandered horse case .....	9.00
C. B. Hilton, for services on town farm (in part).....	163.33
D. D. Stewart, for legal services in Libby case, and all others in full .....	110.00
For building sheep shed on town farm .....	56.47
For making and recording deeds .....	2.00
A. S. Clement, for team and expense to Skowhegan, Thorndike and Dexter .....	9.00
Thomas Sherwood, bill of 1880, .....	25.00
For postage, stationery, blank books &c., .....	12.98
Expense for committing Wm. E. Lord, to Insane Hospital .....	16.75
For school books furnished Bowman Eldridge and Almeda Hoxie .....	4.35
For repairs on town house, and wood .....	4.92
For board of town officers .....	9.00
C. H. Skinner, bill of 1880, .....	25.46
Bridge order for hired money .....	321.55
Interest on bridge order .....	27.04
Hattie E. Robinson, order of 1879, and interest, ....	31.36
	<u>\$1131.07</u>
Paid the several school districts .....	1951.56

### RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid pauper bills outside of farm, .....	326.51
The several school districts, .....	1951.56
On roads and bridges, .....	173.43
Town officer's bills, .....	144.75
Miscellaneous bills, .....	1131.07
Abatements, .....	70.89
	<u>\$3798.21</u>



## TREASURY DEPARTMENT

March 7th. 1881..

Dr.

To cash in Treasury, .....	\$722.24
of J. P. Longley collector of 1880.....	99.62
of A. Morrill, collector of 1881: .....	2549.34
From State school fund and mill tax of 1880...	592.68
Non-resident taxes of 1880, .....	186.10
Railroad tax of 1881, .....	58
To cash of Town agent, — money from H. J. Haskell	
for Town's claim on the W. K. Lancey property..	68.98
also; money from D. D. Stewart on executions	
against Town of Detroit in Libby case, .....	83.66
To cash of Selectmen as follows;	
from sale of Mrs. Drinkwater's personal property,	68.90
from sale of school books, .....	41.22
sale of products of Town farm, .....	150.00
rent of Town hall, .....	3.50
Town of Brighton, .....	58.08
Town of Detroit, .....	9.64
Town of Monmouth, .....	5.00
Town of Ripley, .....	49.40
	<u>\$4688.94</u>

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By Selectmen's receipt for orders turned over: .....	
and canceled, .....	\$3798.21
Balance in treasury, .....	\$890.73

SAMUEL CLEMENT,

TREASURER.

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

School fund order outstanding .....	\$1163.33
Order for H. B. Allen, mortgage outstanding .....	250.42
Other order outstanding .....	1.37
Due C. B. Hilton, overseer of town farm .....	116.67
Thomas Sherwood, on acc't of Lizzie Sherwood .....	25.00
R. J. Goodrich, Supervisor, .....	53.84
A. Morrill, collecting tax of 1881, .....	26.67
The several school districts, .....	436.92
Probable abatements to close collections, .....	50.00
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	\$2124.22

## FUNDS OF THE TOWN.

Balance in treasury .....	890.73
Due from A. Morrill, collector of 1881, .....	97.40
Non-resident taxes of 1881, returned .....	208.06
State school fund and mill tax of 1881, .....	620.56
Town of Ripley .....	13.91
Town of Monmouth, .....	10.00
Town of Pittsfield, .....	25.69
Town of Lebanon, .....	16.75
Amount of H. B. Allen mortgage, .....	250.42
School books on hand, cost, .....	82.23
Cash in hands of overseer of town farm, .....	33.81
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	\$2249.56
Deduct amount of liabilities, .....	\$2124.22
Balance in favor of town, .....	\$125.34

The Selectmen submit the foregoing, as the financial standing of the town, and the expenditures for the year commencing Mar.

6, 1881, and ending Mar. 4th. 1882. The past year has been a prosperous one for the town. Pauper and other bills have been lighter than usual and the lawsuits which were pending have been settled in our favor and we now find ourselves out of debt and free from all litigation.

A. S. CLEMENT,	}	Selectmen of Palmyra.
H. C. WEBBER,		
W. D. MITCHELL,		

Palmyra, Feb. 24th. 1882.

# ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

## SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS, OF THE TOWN OF PALMYRA

### FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING APR. 1, 82

Amount of money raised by the town,	\$1057.60
State school fund and mill tax,	620.56
Interest on town school fund,	69.80
	<u>\$1747.96</u>

Whole number of scholars in town, 383. Number of Male teachers employed the past year, 6. Number of Female teachers employed the past year, 21. Cost of School Supervision, \$53.84

#### DISTRICT No. 1.

A. S. Clement, agent. Summer and Fall terms combined and taught by Annie E. Hubbard, of this town. This was a quiet, orderly school and the improvement in the branches taught was good. Though this was Miss Hubbard's first school, yet she labored faithfully for its advancement.

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

David Heald, agent. Summer and Fall term taught by Miss L. Linnette Libby, of Detroit. Miss Libby is an indefatigable worker and her labors tell for the good of the school. She keeps her school under good discipline without seeming effort, and her pupils progress rapidly under her instruction.

#### DISTRICT No. 3.

Augustus Small, agent. Summer term taught by Edna J. Homstead, of this town. Although small in number this school was first-class in every respect. Winter term taught by Anna S. Littlefield of this town. Miss Littlefield is well qualified, and the closing examination showed such progress and discipline as bespoke praise on the part of both teacher and pupil.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

T. F. Homstead, agent. Summer term taught by Ida M. Holmes of Pittsfield. Miss Holmes is a live, wide-awake teacher.

She spares no pains on her part for the advancement of her school. She has had considerable experience in teaching, and has an easy manner of communicating her ideas to her pupils.

Winter term taught by J. W. Butters of Exeter. Mr. Butters is excelled by none who teach in our common schools. He is active, energetic and enterprising in his work in the school-room, maintaining the best of order, without seeming effort. I was not notified of the close of the term, and not visiting it at the close cannot report the result, and can only say that I have heard no complaint.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

R. W. Parkman, agent. No Summer term. Fall term taught by Etta M. Parkman, of this town. This was Miss Parkman's first attempt at teaching and she acquitted herself well. She maintained good order through the term and the closing examination showed commendable progress in all the branches taught.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

A. Morrill, agent. Summer term taught by Stella E. Smith, of this town. This was an orderly school and the improvement an average with the Summer terms. Winter term taught by Byron P. Hanson, of this town. Mr. Hanson has an easy, quiet way in the school-room. He has an excellent faculty of imparting his ideas to his pupils, making the recitations interesting as well as profitable.

## DISTRICT No. 7.

J. P. Burleigh, agent. The Summer, Fall and Winter terms have been under the care of Augusta M. Lord, of Detroit. She is a teacher of experience and perseverance. She evidently did her best to advance the school. The pupils were studious and teachable. Under these favorable circumstances, the school was harmonious and progressive. The examination near the close of the school showed thorough drill.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

Herman Johonn  t, agent. Summer term taught by Lottie M. McClure, of this town. This school was one of our successful summer terms. The order was good and the scholars made more than average progress. Winter term taught by Ella L. Patten, of Pittsfield. Miss Patten possesses rather a mild and quiet disposition and did not exhibit sufficient sternness at the beginning, which is so necessary to a profitable school. But, as the school progressed the discipline was improved somewhat and on the whole, the school was about an average.

## DISTRICT No. 9.

Stillman Dexter, agent. Summer term taught by Cora B. Holmes, of Pittsfield. This was Miss Holmes first attempt at school teaching, yet she succeeded in maintaining good order and the proficiency in the studies pursued was up to the average with the summer terms. Winter term taught by Lincoln A. Edgerly of Pittsfield; who lacked the energy and perseverance necessary to insure a good school. The order was very poor, and I found on the closing examination that the school had been of little or no profit to the district.

## DISTRICT No. 10.

A. B. Taylor, agent. Summer term taught by Anna Patten of this town. The order in this school was good. The progress of the pupils was an average with the summer terms. Fall term taught by Hattie F. Martin of Detroit; who, although never having taught before succeeded in giving general satisfaction.

Winter term taught by Josie E. Mathews of St. Albans; who possesses a ready faculty to gain the good will of her pupils. This term was a profitable one in all that goes to make a good school.

## DISTRICT No. 11.

S. A. Bennett, agent. Summer term taught by Katie E. Rogers of Pittsfield. She did not succeed in gaining the good will of her pupils, yet this school was not a failure, as those pupils who attended regular made tolerable progress. Winter

term taught by A. Louise Bennett of this town. The order in this school was good, and improvement in the several studies satisfactory. Miss Bennett's method of instruction is modern in style and well adapted to our common schools.

#### DISTRICT No. 12.

Geo. Hubbard, agent. Summer term taught by Mary A. Farnham, of this town. When I visited this school at the commencement I found it well organized; the order good and a fair prospect of a successful term. Not being notified, I did not visit it at the close, but I learned that the citizens were generally satisfied. Annie E. Hubbard, commenced the winter term with a determination to keep a good school, and I was confident at my first visit that if the pupils and parents would labor as hard for their own interests as the teacher, their efforts would be crowned with success. But after a few weeks, a part of the citizens of the district claimed that the school was unprofitable and finally, near the middle of the sixth week I was called upon to investigate in relation to the school, and did so, finding that for the school to continue, it would be of but little or no profit, and Miss Hubbard, by my advice left.

#### DISTRICT No. 13.

R. H. Tibbetts, agent. Summer term taught by Alice M. Tibbetts, of this town. This was a profitable term of school and she acquitted herself with honor. She is never idle in the school-room and her work tells for the good of the school. Winter term taught by Fred B. Goodrich. Mr. Goodrich maintains good order and does efficient work in the school room. This district has been fortunate in the selection of teachers and the expenditure of money for the past year.

#### DISTRICT No. 14.

N. W. Goodrich, agent. Summer term taught by Etta B. Goodrich of this town. She labored hard in this school and made it a success. Winter term taught by your Supervisor.

The order has been good, and the pupils have made fair progress.

## DISTRICT No. 15.

Edwin French, agent. Summer term taught by L. Emma Tibbetts of Corinna. Sterner discipline would have bettered the School. The pupils made fair progress in their several studies. Winter term taught by Almer J. Goodrich. He is a live teacher and kept his pupils well interested in their studies. Good order prevailed.

In closing the report, I am happy to say, our schools with but two exceptions, the past year have been a success. I have rejected no candidates without sufficient reasons. Few persons who seek to teach school are properly educated for their arduous duties. Each years experience strengthens me in my previously formed opinion that a large portion of those who enter the school room as teachers, are ill-prepared to grapple with the difficulties that beset them at every step, and to impart the necessary knowledge to the pupils under their charge. A person to be a good teacher must be endowed by nature with rare faculties, and thoroughly educated to the end. A large proportion of those who attempt to teach swindle the public out of a considerable portion, and sometimes all of the money paid them.

Few committee men have the moral courage necessary for the proper discharge of their duties; and very few have the necessary knowledge to perform those duties thoroughly and well. The agent is also an important factor in our school system, and can do much to elevate the standard of our public schools. It is very desirable that agents confer with the Supervisor before hiring teachers, and thereby secure those whose merits and abilities are well known, instead of hiring some relative, or teacher of questionable qualities, simply because they will work "cheap."

By concerted action many failures may be avoided, and all our school money judiciously expended.

R. J. GOODRICH,

Supervisor.